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Coming Soon to a Plaza Near You: The Southern Festival of Books! Oct. 9th-11th in Downtown Nashville



The 27th annual Festival brings 250 national, regional and local authors to Nashville Oct. 9-11. This year's roster includes **Kwame Alexander, Rick Bragg, Geraldine Brooks, Pat Conroy, Nicholas Gannon, David Gregory, Lauren Groff, Greg Iles, David Levithan, Cynthia Lord, Wendell Pierce, John and Sherry Petersik, Ron Rash, Jennifer E. Smith, Holly Goldberg Sloan, Paul Theroux, M.O. Walsh, Claire Vaye Watkins, Nicola Yoon, and many more.**

The Festival dates and hours are:

Friday, October 9 from 12:00-5:00 pm
Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 11 from 12:00-5:00 pm

Read more about the Festival and the weekend's activities [here](#).

Click [here](#) for volunteer opportunities.

Click [here](#) to support the Festival.

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See you on the Plaza!

Just Released - Young Writers' Workshops Anthologies

Dive in and see what these fresh young voices are writing in fiction, creative non-fiction,

poetry, lyrics, fantasy, and more!

[AYWW Anthology](#)
[TYWW Anthology](#)

Watch a slideshow of the Young Writers in action!



2015 Young Writers' Workshops

Nominate an Outstanding Educator for a 2016 Award

For thirty years, Humanities Tennessee has provided outstanding humanities teachers with once-in-a-lifetime professional development opportunities. **Humanities teachers and librarians are eligible for the awards, which provide \$3,500 for classroom resources and projects.** Nominate an educator in your community today!

Find materials and information about Humanities Tennessee's Outstanding Educator Awards [here](#).



Salon@615 Author Series Announces Impressive Fall Lineup

The **Salon@615** Fall Lineup includes events with **Jenny Lawson** (a.k.a. "The Bloggess"), **Ruth Reichl**, **Margaret Atwood**, **Deborah Harkness**, **Chelsea Clinton**, **Jane Smiley**, **Sue Grafton**, **Mitch Albom**, and Special Edition events with **Jonathan Franzen**, **Elizabeth Gilbert**, and **Patti Smith**.

[Click here](#) for the full lineup and event information.

Salon@615 is an ongoing partnership between Nashville Public Library, Nashville Public Library Foundation, Parnassus Books and Humanities Tennessee.

Register for the Upcoming *Our Muslim Neighbor* Conference

Registration is now open for the **Faith and Culture Center's [Our Muslim Neighbor](#)** conference.

Humanities Tennessee is proud to sponsor this event, bringing leading scholars to discuss the intersections of faith and community.

OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOR

Creating a Community of Inclusion
in Middle Tennessee

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 | 8AM - 4PM

FCC
FAITH & CULTURE
CENTER

OUR
MUSLIM
NEIGHBOR
INITIATIVE
NASHVILLE

Religions for Peace
USA



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Our Sept/Oct **Donor Spotlight** section features **Karen Hayes**, co-owner of [Parnassus Books](#) and a great friend to Nashville's readers and writers. We took some time to learn a bit more about her hobbies and love for the humanities.



Why/in what ways are the humanities important in your life?

One definition of the humanities is "the stories, the ideas, and the words that help us make sense of our lives and our world." That is exactly what books do and why I'm proud to say I'm a bookseller.

[Read more about Karen here.](#)

Join Our Cause

Founded in 1973, [Humanities Tennessee](#) is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting civility and a sense of community among Tennesseans. Each year, governmental funding for the humanities decreases. We rely on donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations to present programs like the annual [Southern Festival of Books](#), the [Tennessee Young Writers' Workshop](#), [History & Culture programs](#), [Chapter16.org](#), and [more](#).



We appreciate your support!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Now-Sept 12, 2015 - ["Becoming a Volunteer State: TN in the War of 1812" Exhibit](#) (Paris)
- Now-June 30, 2016 - ["Flyin' Saucers Rock & Roll: The Musical Genius of Sam Phillips"](#) (Nashville)

- Sept 1, 15, 29 - ["Standing Down: From Warrior to Civilian" Discussion](#) (Athens)
- Sept 9-13 - [Mid-South Book Festival](#) (Memphis)
- Sept 12 - ["What is War?: A Look at Modern Warfare" Discussion](#) (Brownsville)
- Sept 14-Oct 26 - ["Bittersweet Harvest: The Bracero Program, 1942-1964"](#)(Nashville)
- Sept 16-Oct 26 - ["Becoming the Volunteer State" Exhibit](#) (Collierville)
- Sept 23 - [Salon@615 Special Edition with Jonathan Franzen](#) (Nashville)
- Sept 30 - [Salon@615 with Jenny Lawson](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 1 - [Salon@615 with Ruth Reichl](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 1 - ["Life on the Fence: A Long View of Guest Worker Programs" Discussion](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 1 - ["Warriors in the Workplace: From Combat to the Job Market"](#) (Kingston)
- Oct 2 - ["Let's Talk about War: When War Comes to Women"](#) (Brownsville)
- Oct 9 - [The 8th Annual Authors in the Round Fundraising Dinner](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 9-11 - [The 27th Annual Southern Festival of Books](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 19 - [Salon@615 with Margaret Atwood](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 19 - ["It Makes Me Think: Stories of Women & Re-entry" Reforming Arts](#) (Cleveland)
- Oct 21 - [Salon@615 Special Edition with Elizabeth Gilbert](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 27 - [National Endowment for the Humanities Chairman Adams lecture](#) (Nashville)
- Oct 30 - [Salon@615 with Deborah Harkness](#) (Nashville)

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